Status of Ground Water Level in Various States

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ground water level of various zones in the country is continuously going down over the years;

(b) if so, the status of ground water level with regard to Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, etc; and

(c) whether Government have contemplated any scheme to recharge groundwater level by collecting the rain water; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Long term observations made by the Central Ground Water Board have shown a situation of both rise and fall in the level of ground water in different parts of the country.

(b) State-wise details of districts where fall of more than four metres have been observed in certain pockets are given in the annexed statement. (*see* below)

(c) The measures taken by the Government to recharge ground water in various parts of the country include:—

(i) Implementation of a Central Sector Scheme by the Central Ground Water Board on 'studies on artificial recharge of ground water in some 'over-exploited', 'Dark' and 'Grey' blocks of the country.

(ii) Circulation of a Manual on artificial recharge of ground water to States/Union Territories to enable them to formulate area specific recharge schemes.

(iii) Circulation of a national perspective plan for recharge of ground water by utilising surplus monsoon run off to States/ Union Territories for execution.

†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(iv) Formulation of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to assist State in artificial recharge of ground water. This scheme is at consultation stage.

Statement

Name of the State/District Showing Pockets with Fall in Ground Water Level of More than 4 Meters (1980—99)

Sl. No.	State	Districts
1.	PUNJAB	Amritsar, Jallandhar, Ferozpur, Ludhiana, Patiala, Sangrur, Faridkot, Fatehgarh.
2.	HARYANA	Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Mehandargarh, Jind.
3.	UTTAR PRADESH	Gonda, Farukhabad, Lucknow, Kanpur, Fetehpur, Allahabad, Banda, Nainital.
4.	BIHAR	East Singhbhum, Ranchi, Samastipur, Chapra, Dharbanga.
5.	MADHYA PRADESH	Ujjain, Dewas, Shajahanpur, Dhar, Sagar, Bilaspur, Raipur, Surguja, Guna, Narsinghpur.
6.	RAJASTHAN	Nagapur, Bikaner, Jaipur.

Compensation to displaced persons near Kolab Hydro-Electric Project in Orissa

779. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people displaced due to the execution of upper Kolab hydro-electric project in undivided Koraput district in Orissa;

(b) whether it is a fact that displaced persons have not been rehabilitated so far;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the details of specific plan drawn up to give them proper compensation and for their suitable rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The construction of Upper Kolab Multi-purpose Irrigation Project has affected nearly 3180 families due to submergence.